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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CARTER IS ALL SET, THANKS TO BARBARA WATSON'S GRACIOUS
DECISION NOT TO STAND IN HIS WAY. HE IS GETTING ORGANIZED
TO ARRIVE AROUND THE FIRST OF OCTOBER.

2. WE HOPE THE ANDRIY KLYMCHUK CASE (MOSCOW 12258)
RECEIVES WIDE COVERAGE IN THE U.S. PRESS, PARTICULARLY
THE NEW YORK TIMES. MAYBE YOU COULD GENTLY ENCOURAGE
SUCH COVERAGE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MFA COMPLAINTS
ABOUT CUSTOMS VIOLATIONS OF AMERICAN TOURISTS (MOSCOW
11579) MAY HARBINGER SOME ARRESTS IN SOME OF THE MORE
SERIOUS CASES ON AMERICANS TRYING TO SMUGGLE THINGS IN
AND OUT OF THE USSR.

3. ON A FEW HOURS NOTICE, ALL COUNTRY OFFICES WERE
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ASKED TO DO A CONCISE LIST OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR EACH AMBASSADOR. REQUEST CAME FROM HIGHEST LEVEL.
SOV WAS LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A FAIRLY
COMPREHENSIVE LIST BY DRAWING HEAVILY ON THE EMBASSY'S
APRIL 2 PARM (MOSCOW 4443) WHICH COGENTLY SET OUT OUR
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION. AFTER
SOME VETTING HERE, IT WILL BE CABLED TO YOU FOR YOUR

REACTION. AFTER RESPONSES FROM POSTS ARE RECEIVED, FINISHED VERSIONS WILL GO TO S/P (DUE AUGUST 31) AND ON TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

4. REF FURMAN EMIGRATION CASE (MOSCOW 12086):
ON AUGUST 24 MRS. FURMAN'S SISTER, MRS. BECHER, TELEPHONED SOV CONCERNING HER TELECON WITH CONOFF SMITH. WE INSTRUCTED MRS. BECHER TO SEND AOS FOR OLGA FURMAN TO DEPT AND DEPT WILL THEN CABLE AMEMBASSY MOSCOW WHEN AOS RECEIVED. MRS. BECHER ALSO VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT PETITION FOR TAMARA FURMAN WHICH FILED BY MOTHER IN 1957 IN FURMAN'S MAIDEN NAME WHICH WAS LENTS. MRS. BECHER AGREED TO KEEP CHECKING WITH INS DENVER WHETHER PETITION STILL VALID PENDING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY CABLE WHICH CONOFF INDICATED HE WOULD.

5. REF (A) MOSCOW 12113; (B) WINDSOR/SELL TELECON. HUD GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS MINISTER/COUNSELOR'S OFFER TO HOST RECEPTION IN HONOR OF SECRETARY HARRIS. THEY AGREE THAT SEPTEMBER 20 IS SUITABLE DATE. HUD UNCERTAIN WHETHER EMBASSY INTENDS TO FUND RECEPTION, OR IF HUD WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO SO ENTIRELY OR IN PART. IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE ESTIMATED COSTS SOONEST.

6. FURTHER TO THE CABLE ON THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S FILMS:
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AT THE BRIEFING IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAS A KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE FILMS, WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN PRODUCED FOR SHOWING ON PUBLIC TV WITH A LOT OF TECHNICAL ADVICE--EVEN SCRIPT WRITING--BY HIM AND JUSTICE WHITE. CHRISTOPHER

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